Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 29 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 30 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 28 Mar 2023 at 14:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather to continue into the weekend. High for a brighter day on Thursday.

Headline for Wednesday 29 Mar 2023: Cloudy and windy with showers, turning more frequent later in the afternoon

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 29 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	20%	60%	60%	40%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 29 Mar 2023

Weather: A lot of cloud through the day shrouding the summits across the Cairngorms, Drumochter hills and Ben Alder. Further to the west low cloud will be more broken across the Monadhliath and Creag Meagaidh with the chance of some brief brigh spells. A few showers will pass by in the morning, showers becoming more frequent and heavier from the south as the afternoon wears on. Showers will continue into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best chance in the north of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Often poor in cloud down to 500 to 800 metres across the Cairngorms and the southwest of the area. Cloud thinning in the northwest of the area at times with a few patches around 800 metres.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/24 S	21/27 S	24/31 S	29/38 SE	33/44 S	37/51 SE	35/48 SE	29/40 S	23/31 S
900	16/19 S	18/22 S	22/27 S	27/35 S	35/44 S	39/50 S	36/46 S	28/37 S	23/30 S
600	6/8 W	7/10 W	8/12 S	12/17 S	22/33 S	26/37 S	23/33 S	17/26 S	14/21 S
300	3/7 S	3/8 SW	3/6 W	4/9 SW	7/17 SE	10/23 S	12/28 SE	9/20 S	6/15 SW
Glen	3/13 S	3/14 S	2/10 S	3/13 S	5/15 SE	5/19 S	4/18 S	4/18 S	4/16 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-0/-6	0/-6	0/-7	-0/-8	0/-8	1/-7	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6
900	3/-2	4/-1	5/-0	5/-1	5/-1	4/-2	5/-2	5/-1	5/-0
600	4/1	5/2	6/3	6/3	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/3	7/3
300	4/2	3/2	4/3	7/6	9/7	9/7	9/6	8/6	7/6
Glen	4/3	4/2	4/4	8/7	10/9	11/9	10/9	10/8	9/7
Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1700m	1700m	1800m	1700m	1800m	1700m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Summit gales will make for slow progress through the day and some drenching conditions as rain passes by. Wind speeds on the Cairngorm Plateau will approach 70 mph for a time later in the afternoon.

Forecast for Thursday 30 Mar 2023

Weather: After a cloudy start with the chance of some rain, it will be a much brighter day with some passing showers. Showers will be wintry on the very highest tops. Blustery summits winds.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly average speeds of 25 mph with gusts of 35 mph or so.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance in the afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud around 700 to 900 metres, this most extensive across the west of the area.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to 13 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius
Freezing level: 1400 metres

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